

IN RECOGNITION of "REPUBLIC OF CHINA DAY 2002"

WHEREAS, the Republic of China on Taiwan will be observing its 91st anniversary on October 10, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of China has distinguished itself with its dynamic progress in the industrialization of its economy; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of China's 23 million people enjoy a prosperous and free society; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of China on Taiwan successfully conducted a presidential election on March 18, 2000, which represents the first transition of national office from one political party to another in the history of Chinese societies; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of China, the United States of America and the City of Augusta are friends and allies of long standing; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and heartfelt that we recognize this special anniversary of our friends in the Republic of China.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2002, to be "REPUBLIC OF CHINA DAY" in Augusta and urge all citizens to join in extending best wishes to the Republic of China on Taiwan during this celebration of its people's courage, its strength of conviction to achieve peace, and for its further contributions to the broader participation in the international community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this third day of October 2002.